

HUMAN RESOURCES DIVISION - CIVIL SERVICE UNIT
POLICE DEPARTMENTS COVERED BY CIVIL SERVICE AS OF MARCH 4, 2013

Massachusetts General Law Ch. 31, section 58, permits cities and towns to ask that residents be placed on entry-level police officer lists before non-residents. A resident is a person who has lived in the same city or town for the full year before the date of the examination. Your residence, for civil service purposes, is the place where you actually lived and intended as your permanent home. If you were in the military, you may use the city or town where you lived when you entered the service, if you returned to that municipality after you left the military. If you are still in the military, check the [Vet & Military Info](#) section of the HRD Civil Service Unit website www.mass.gov/civilservice for more information.

MGL Chapter 31, section 58A allows only those candidates who have not yet reached their thirty-second birthday as of the date of the exam to be considered for all new public safety hires. However, if you are a [qualified veteran](#), either still in or released from the military, [you may add up to a maximum of four years of service time to your age](#) but must have not yet reached your thirty-sixth birthday as of the date of the exam.

The cities and towns listed below that are followed by:

no asterisk are communities that only accept candidates who have not reached their thirty-second birthday as of the last date to apply for the exam.

* (one asterisk) are communities that currently have no upper age limit, but may accept the provisions of MGL Chapter 31, section 58A at any time.

** (two asterisks) are communities that have accepted the provisions of MGL Chapter 31, section 58A.

are communities that have a reserve/intermittent (roster) list.

• are communities that have accepted the provisions of [Chapter 43 of the Acts of 2007 of the Massachusetts General Laws](#), and only accept police officer candidates who have not reached their fortieth birthday as of the date of the exam.

POLICE CONSENT DECREE COMMUNITIES

Brockton*	Holyoke*#	Lowell*	Randolph*	Worcester**
Chelsea*#	Lawrence*#	New Bedford*	Springfield*	

POLICE NON-CONSENT DECREE COMMUNITIES

Abington*#	Cohasset*#	Ipswich#	Newton**	Southbridge
Acton#	Dalton#	Kingston*#	North Adams*#	South Hadley#
Acushnet#	Danvers*#	Lancaster*#	North Andover#	Stoneham#
Adams#	Dartmouth#	Lee*	North Attleboro**	Stoughton*#
Agawam*	Dedham**#	Leicester*#	Northbridge*#	Sudbury#
Amesbury*#	Dracut#	Leominster	North Reading*#	Swampscott**#
Andover**#	Duxbury*#	Lexington*	Norton	Taunton**#
Arlington	E. Bridgewater*#	Ludlow*#	Norwell*#	Tewksbury*#
Ashland#	Easthampton#	Lynn*#	Norwood**	Uxbridge*#
Athol*#	E. Longmeadow*#	Lynnfield#	Orange#	Wakefield*#
Attleboro*#	Easton	Malden#	Oxford*#	Walpole**
Auburn*#	Everett*	Manchester#	Palmer*#	Waltham*#
Avon*#	Fairhaven*#	Mansfield#	Peabody*#	Ware#
Barnstable*	Fall River*#	Marblehead#	Pembroke*#	Wareham**#
Bedford#	Falmouth**	Marlborough**	Pittsfield*	Watertown
Bellingham*#	Fitchburg**	Marshfield*#	Plainville*#	Wayland#
Belmont**	Foxborough*#	Maynard*#	Plymouth*#	Webster*#
Beverly*#	Framingham*	MBTA*	Provincetown*#	Wellesley
Billerica**#	Franklin*#	Medfield*#	Quincy*	W. Bridgewater*#
Boston●	Gardner*#	Medford*	Raynham#	Westfield#
Bourne**	Gloucester**#	Medway*#	Reading*	Westford#
Braintree*#	Grafton*#	Melrose*	Revere*#	W. Springfield
Bridgewater*#	G. Barrington	Methuen#	Rockland*#	Westwood**#
Brookline*	Greenfield*#	Middleboro**	Rockport#	Weymouth**
Burlington**#	Halifax*#	Milford	Salem*#	Whitman*#
Cambridge*#	Hanover*#	Millbury*	Salisbury*#	Williamstown#
Canton**#	Haverhill**#	Millis*#	Sandwich*#	Wilmington#
Carver*#	Hingham#	Milton*	Saugus*#	Winchendon*#
Charlton*#	Holbrook**	Montague*#	Scituate*#	Winchester**
Chelmsford#	Holden*#	Natick**#	Sharon*#	Winthrop*#
Chicopee*	Hudson#	Needham*	Shrewsbury**#	Woburn*#
Clinton*#	Hull*#	Newburyport*#	Somerville*	Wrentham**#